NUMB. DXXVI.

The SPECTATOR.

——Fortius utere Loris. Ovid.

Monday, November 3. 1712.

I Am very loth to come to Extremities with the young Gentlemen mentioned in the following Letter, and do not care to chaſtiſe them with my own Hand, till I am forced by Provocations too great to be ſuffered without the abſolute Deſtruction of my Spectatorial Dignity. The Crimes of theſe Offenders are placed under the Obſervation of one of my chief Officers, who is poſted juſt at the Entrance of the Paſs between *London* and *Weſtminſter*. As I have great Confidence in the Capacity, Reſolution, and Integrity of the Perſon deputed by me to give an Account of Enormities, I doubt not but I ſhall ſoon have before me all proper Notices which are requiſite for the Amendment of Manners in Publick, and the Inſtruction of each Individual of the humane Species in what is due from him, in reſpect to the whole Body of Mankind. The preſent Paper ſhall conſiſt only of the above-mentioned Letter, and the Copy of a Deputation which I have given to my truſty Friend Mr. *John Sly*; wherein he is charged to notify to me all that is neceſſary for my Animadverſion upon the Delinquents mentioned by my Correſpondent, as well as all others deſcribed in the ſaid Deputation.

To the SPECTATOR-GENERAL *of* Great Britain.

' I grant it does look a little familiar, but I muſt tell you

Dear Dumb,

' BEing got again to the farther End of the *Window*'s Coffee-houſe, I ſhall from hence give you ſome Account of the Behaviour of our Hackney-Coachmen ſince my laſt. Theſe indefatigable Gentlemen, without the leaſt Deſign, I dare ſay, of Self-Intereſt or Advantage to themſelves, do ſtill ply as Volunteers Day and Night for the Good of their Country. I will not trouble you with enumerating many Particulars, but I muſt by no Means omit to inform you of an Infant about ſix Foot high, and between twenty and thirty Years of Age, who was ſeen in the Arms of an Hackney-Coachman driving by *Will*'s Coffee-houſe in *Covent-Garden*, between the Hours of four and five in the Afternoon of that very Day wherein you publiſhed a Memorial againſt them. This impudent young Cur, tho' he cou'd not ſit in a Coach-Box without holding, yet wou'd he venture his Neck to bid Defiance to your Spectatorial Authority, or to any thing that you countenanced. Who he was I know not, but I heard this Relation this Morning from a Gentleman who was an Eye-Witneſs of this his Impudence; and I was willing to take the firſt Opportunity to inform you of him, as holding it extreamly requiſite that you ſhou'd nip him in the Bud. But I am my ſelf moſt concerned for my Fellow-Templers, Fellow-Students, and Fellow-Labourers in the Law, I mean ſuch of them as are dignify'd and diſtinguiſh'd under the Denomination of Hackney-Coachmen. Such aſpiring Minds have theſe ambitious young Men, that they cannot enjoy themſelves out of a Coach-Box. It is however an unſpeakable Comfort to me, that I can now tell you that ſome of them are grown ſo baſhful as to ſtudy only in the Night-time or in the Country. The other Night I ſpied one of our young Gentlemen very diligent at his Lucubrations in *Fleet-ſtreet*; and, by the Way, I ſhou'd be under ſome Concern, leſt this hard Student ſhou'd one Time or other crack his Brain with ſtudying, but that I am in Hopes Nature has taken Care to fortify him in Proportion to the great Undertakings he was deſigned for. Another of my Fellow-Templers, on *Thurſday* laſt, was getting up into his Study at the Bottom of *Grays-Inn-Lane*, in order, I ſuppoſe, to contemplate in the freſh Air. Now, Sir, my Requeſt is, that the great Modeſty of theſe two Gentlemen may be recorded as a Pattern to the reſt; and if you wou'd but give them two or three Touches with your own Pen, tho' you might not perhaps prevail with them to deſiſt entirely from their Meditations, yet I doubt not but you wou'd at leaſt preſerve them from being publick Spectacles of Folly in our Streets: I ſay two or three Touches with your own Pen; for I have really obſerved, Mr. SPEC. that thoſe *Spectators* which are ſo prettily laced down the Sides with little c's, how inſtructive or diverting ſoever they may be, do not carry with them that Authority as the others. I do again therefore deſire, that, for the ſake of

'of their dear Necks, you will beſtow one Penful 'of your own Ink upon them. I know you are 'loth to expoſe them; and it is, I muſt confeſs, a 'thouſand Pities that any young Gentleman, who 'is come of honeſt Parents, ſhould be brought to 'publick Shame: And indeed I ſhould be glad to 'have them handled a little tenderly at the firſt; 'but if fair Means will not prevail, there is then 'no other Way to reclaim them but by making uſe 'of ſome wholſome Severities; and I think it is bet-'ter that a Dozen or two of ſuch good-for-nothing 'Fellows ſhould be made Examples of, than that 'the Reputation of ſome Hundreds of as hopeful 'young Gentlemen as my ſelf ſhould ſuffer thro' 'their Folly. It is not, however, for me to di-'rect you what to do; but, in ſhort, if our Coach-'men will drive on this Trade, the very firſt of 'them that I do find meditating in the Street, I 'ſhall make bold to take the Number of his 'Chambers, together with a Note of his Name, 'and diſpatch them to you, that you may chaſtiſe 'him at your own Diſcretion.

I am,

Dear SPEC.

For ever yours,

Moſes Greenbag,

Eſqr; if you pleaſe.

P. S. 'Tom. *Hammercloth*, one of our Coachmen' 'is now pleading at the Bar at the other End of 'the Room, but has a little too much Vehemence, 'and throws out his Arms too much to take his 'Audience with a good Grace.

To my Loving and Well-beloved John Sly, *Haberdaſher of Hats and Tobacconiſt, between the Cities of* London *and* Weſtminſter,

WHereas frequent Diſorders, Affronts, Indignities, Omiſſions, and Treſpaſſes, for which there are no Remedies by any Form of Law, but which apparently diſturb and diſquiet the Minds of Men, happen near the Place of your Reſidence; and that you are, as well by your commodious Situation as the good Parts with which you are endow'd, properly qualified for the Obſervation of the ſaid Offences; I do hereby authorize and depute you, from the Hours of Nine in the Morning till Four in the Afternoon, to keep a ſtrict Eye upon all Perſons and Things that are convey'd in Coaches, carry'd in Carts, or walk on Foot from the City of *London* to the City of *Weſtminſter*, or from the City of *Weſtminſter* to the City of *London*, within the ſaid Hours. You are therefore not to depart from your Obſervatory at the End of *Devereux-Court* during the ſaid Space of each Day; but to obſerve the Behaviour of all Perſons who are ſuddenly tranſported from ſtamping on Pebbles to ſit at Eaſe in Chariots, what Notice they take of their Foot-Acquaintance, and ſend me the ſpeedieſt Advice when they are guilty of over-looking, turning from, or appearing grave and diſtant to their old Friends. When Man and Wife are in the ſame Coach, you are to ſee whether they appear pleaſed or tired with each other, and whether they carry the due Mein in the Eye of the World between Fondneſs and Coldneſs. You are carefully to behold all ſuch as ſhall have Addition of Honour or Riches, and report whether they preſerve the Countenance they had before ſuch Addition. As to Perſons on Foot, you are to be attentive whether they are pleaſed with their Condition, and are dreſs'd ſuitable to it; but eſpecially to diſtinguiſh ſuch as appear diſcreet, by a low-heel'd Shooe, with the decent Ornament of a Leather-Garter. To write down the Names of ſuch Country Gentlemen as, upon the Approach of Peace, have left the Hunting for the Military Cock of the Hat: Of all who ſtrut, make a Noiſe, and ſwear at the Drivers of Coaches to make Haſte when they ſee it impoſſible they ſhould paſs: Of all young Gentlemen in Coach-Boxes, who labour at a Perfection in what they are ſure to be excelled by the meaneſt of the People. You are to do all that in you lies that Coaches and Paſſengers give Way according to the Courſe of Buſineſs, all the Morning in Term Time towards *Weſtminſter*, the reſt of the Year towards the *Exchange*. Upon theſe Directions, together with other ſecret Articles herein incloſed, you are to govern your ſelf, and give Advertiſement thereof to me at all convenient and ſpectatorial Hours when Men of Buſineſs are to be ſeen. Hereof you are not to fail. Given under my Seal of Office.

The SPECTATOR.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday, being the 3d of November, will be preſented a Comedy, call'd The Tender Husband, or, The Accomplish'd Fools. The Part of Sir Harry Gubbin by Mr. Bullock, Humphrey Gubbin by Mr. Pinkethman, Tipkin by Mr. Norris, Pounce by Mr. Pack, Clerimont by Mr. Mills, Capt. Clerimont by Mr. Wilks, Biddy by Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Clerimont by Mrs. Bradſhaw, Lucy by Mrs. Porter. And to Morrow (at the particular Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality) will be preſented the Tragedy of Hamlet Prince of Denmark By Her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

To Morrow will be Publiſhed,

A Sermon preached to the Proteſtants of Ireland, now in London, at the Parish-Church of St. Clement-Dane, October 23. 1712. being the Day appointed by Act of Parliament in Ireland for an Anniverſary Thankſgiving for the Deliverance of the Proteſtants of that Kingdom from the bloody Maſſacre begun by the Iriſh Papiſts on the 23d of October, 1641. By St. George, Lord Biſhop of Clogher. Printed for Sam. Buckley at the Dolphin in Little-Britain. Price 3 d.

At the Star and Two Rolls of Silk in St. Martins-le-Grand, the firſt Silk Shop on the Right-Hand going down St Martins from Newgate-ſtreet, is ſold all Sorts of the beſt Black Silks for Hoods and Scarves, rich black Paduſways for Gowns and Petticoats, and Mantuas, both black and coloured; likewiſe white Sarſenets and Perſions for Hoods, colour'd Perſions for Linings, black Velvets, Gawſes, Purbelow'd Scarves and Aprons ready made great Pennyworths. Note, The Shop is a new Shop juſt open'd.

Juſt Publiſh'd,

A Funeral Oration upon the Death of Monſ. Limborch, late Profeſſor of Divinity among the Remonſtrants at Amſterdam, who died April 30. 1712. Pronounc'd May 6. 1712. the Day of his Interment, by Mr. Le Clerc. Tranſlated from the Latin. And in a few Days will be publiſhed, Mr. le Clerc's Oration concerning the Excellence and Uſefulneſs of Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory, pronounc'd the 6th of September, 1712. upon his being choſen Profeſſor among the Remonſtrants at Amſterdam. Both to be ſold by A. Baldwin in Warwick-lane.

An Eſſay on the Poets, dedicated to his Grace the Duke of Buckingham. Printed for D. Brown without Temple-Bar, and A. Baldwin at the Oxford-Arms in Warwick lane. Price 2 d. where may be had Mr. Morrice's Miſcellanies or Amuſements in Verſe and Proſe. Price 1 s.

That the Publick may not be deceived, this is to give Notice, That Mr. Ruleau's uſeful and long-approved Pens and Plaiſters for Iſſues, Sticking without Fillerting, which was ſome time ſold for him by Mr. Bouder, then in Fleet-ſtreet, but now at the Plough and Harrow in Chancery-lane, have not for ſome Years been ſold by him, but only by Mr. Ruleau himſelf, at his Houſe at the Surgeons-Arms in Bull-Inn-Court in the Strand; at the Woolpack in Fenchurch ſtreet; Mr. Baker, a Glover's Shop, over-againſt Mercers-Chappel, Cheapſide; Mrs. Giles, Milliner and Toy-Shop, next the Hercules-Pillars by the Temple, and at Mr. Burkett's, Sword-Cutler, the Corner-Shop next St James's Gate. N. B. Each Packet is ſealed with the Name Ruleau round it to prevent Counterfeits.

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